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1. HAVE MADE INQUIRIES AT DOMEI AND LEARNED THAT WHILE DOMEI PRESIDENT AMAIKE UNABLE TO TRAVEL IN OCTOBER, SECRETARY-GENERAL KAZUO MAEKAWA WOULD WELCOME INVITATION FROM AFL-CIO TO ATTEND CONVENTION. DOMEI WOULD COVER ALL EXPENSES OF MAEKAWA TRIP.

2. ALSO LEARNED THAT DOMEI VICE PRESIDENT RENZO YANAGISAWA (CONCURRENTLY PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SHIPBUILDING AND HEAVY MACHINERY WORKERS UNIONS - ZOSEN JUKI ROREN -MEMBERSHIP 227,000) WILL LEAD DOMEI DELEGATION TO ICFTU CONGRESS. IF AFL-CIO INTERESTED IN INVITING HIM ALSO TO CONVENTION, POST WOULD RECOMMEND A PARTIAL GRANT TO YANAGISAWA COVERING PER DIEM AND SOME DOMESTIC U.S. TRAVEL FOR INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN AFL-CIO CONVENTION AND ICFTU MEXICO CITY MEETING.

YANAGISAWA VISITED U.S. SOME 14YEARS AGO UNDER OLD LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM. AS DOMEI VICE PRESIDENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HEAD OF POWERFUL ZOSEN JUKI ROREN, POST CONSIDERS

HIGHLY WORTHWHILE TO OFFER HIM PARTIAL GRANT TO ENABLE HIM TO UPDATE OBSERVATIONS OF U.S. AND ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPART UNIONS. HOWEVER, NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER YANAGISAWA WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT.

REQUEST DEPARTMENT GET AFL-CIO REACTION TO ABOVE AND ADVISEWHETHER YANAGISAWA MAY BE OFFERED PARTIAL GRANT.
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